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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Masakuni EZUMI, et al.

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Application No.: 10/054,852

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**TC 1700**

For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND HOLLOW SHAPE  
MEMBER FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING

Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: L. R. Edmondson

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 2, 2003  
(Tuesday after Holiday)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, the period of response  
for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time,  
please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the  
following pages:

**Amendments to the claims**

**Remarks follow the amendments.**